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SUBJ: RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR KOREAN EMIGRANT WORKERS

REFS: A) SEOUL 6246, B) SEOUL 6988, C) STATE 232535

1. LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WHO IS CONCERNED WITH
REFERENCE MATTER HAS ADVISED US THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAS
SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WAY IN WHICH KOREANS ARE BEING
RECRUITED FOR WORK IN PHILADELPHIA AREA. HE INDICATED
THAT MATTER IS UNDER STUDY AND THAT IT IS POSSIBLE NUMBER
ALREADY APPROVED (ABOUT 130) MAY BE EITHER SUBSTANTIALLY
REDUCED OR REVOKED ENTIRELY.

2. MAJOR COMPLAINT SEEMS TO CENTER AROUND ACTIVITY OF
RECRUITING AGENCY AND TYPES OF JOBS FOR WHICH KOREANS ARE
BEING RECRUITED. RECRUITING AGENCY IS DEALING DIRECTLY
WITH EMPLOYERS AND IS ALLEGEDLY PROMISING TO SUPPLY MAN-
POWER FOR JOBS WHICH CAN BE FILLED BY REFERRING QUALIFIED
AND AVAILABLE AMERICANS. OFFICIAL HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT
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UNDER NO RPT NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL HE APPROVE KOREAN HAND

SEWERS AND SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS FOR WORK IN PHILA-
DELPHIA AREA. MOREOVER, HE SEES NO IMMEDIATE NEED FOR
RECRUITMENT OF LARGE NUMBER OF SHOP TAILORS AND
SEAMSTRESSES. INGERSOLL

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